In the specification:

Please amend paragraph 61 as follows:

[61] Technologies exist that combine both optically variable properties and tamper evident properties. One example is a type of prefabricated coating of a liquid crystalline material that is available as the ADVANTAGE product available from Advantage ID Technologies, Inc., of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, which is part of Applied Optical Technologies, plc, of Parkton, Maryland and the United Kingdom. The ADVANTAGE product is an optically variable security coating that can be used to protect documents, components, products, etc., from counterfeiting, alteration, and compromise. The ADVANTAGE material is provided in the form of security laminates (heat activated) and security labels. In at least one form, the ADVANTAGE material comprises a polymeric liquid crystal layer and a tamper evident layer.

Please amend paragraph 62 as follows:

[62] Using the ADVANTAGE product, anti-counterfeiting substances can be embedded in the card or applied as a laminate, producing an image that changes color (in a trimodal manner, from transparent to orange to green) as a card is tilted. This trimodal color change is difficult to impossible for known copiers, scanners, and desktop publishing systems to copy. The image itself can be designed to be easily seen by an unaided naked eye. If an attempt is made to tamper with a document to which the ADVANTAGE product has been applied (e.g., as a security feature), chemical coatings that are part of the ADVANTAGE product fracture into microfragments, making it difficult to tamper with the security feature without destroying the security document to which it was applied or in which it was embedded. Often, evidence of such tampering can be seen by an unaided naked eye (or a naked eye aided by the use of an ultraviolet light source, if the tamper evident layer is a UV layer). In one example, the chemical coating is made from a material capable of fluorescing under UV light, such that the fractured UV coating is visible only under UV light. [[.]]

Please amend paragraph 73 as follows:

[73] In one embodiment, the ADVANTAGE material is used for at least one of the optically variable layer and the first covert layer.

Please amend paragraph 77 as follows:

[77] In still another aspect, the invention provides an identification document, comprising a layer of ADVANTAGE material, the layer having first and second sides, a core layer having first and second sides, a layer of adhesive material applied to at least the first side of the layer of ADVANTAGE material and coupling at least a portion of the ADVANTAGE material to the first side of the core layer, the adhesive material comprising an infrared material, and a substantially translucent layer of laminate disposed at the second side of the ADVANTAGE layer and along at least a portion of the first side of the core layer, the laminate substantially sealing the layer of ADVANTAGE material to the core layer. In one embodiment of this aspect, the core layer further comprises an indicium formed thereon and wherein the layer of ADVANTAGE material is positioned to overlay at least a portion of the indicium.

Please amend paragraph 100 as follows:

[100] "Optically variable" includes (but is not limited to) coatings, films, devices, foils, threads, etc., that exhibit a varying appearance depending on, e.g., the angle at which they are viewed, the type of light that is used to view the device (e.g., reflective light versus transmissive light, visible versus non-visible, etc). For example, so-called "color shifting" films, laminates, coatings, particles, threads, etc., which appear to have a first color (or set of colors, or lack of color(s)) when viewed at a first angle (or first type of light) and a different color (or set of colors, or lack of color(s)) when viewed at a second angle (or type of light) can all be said to be optically variable. Holograms, KINEGRAMS (available from Kurz OVD Kinegram in Switzerland), Exelgrams (available from CSIRO of Australia), PolaSecure™ (available from the assignee of the present invention), the ADVANTAGE material available from Advantage ID

Technologies, Inc., and Tri-Color Polasecure™ (also available from the assignee of the present invention) are additional examples of materials that are optically variable. The materials described in the aforementioned 6,827,277 patent also are materials that are optically variable.